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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

1. AS COMMERCE IS AWARE JAPANESE MINISTRY F CONSTRUCTION IS
CONSIDERING OPENING THE 2X4 CONSTRUCTION SYSTEM FOR USE
THROUGHOUT JAPAN. THE EXPANSION OF U.S. PLYWOOD AND LUMBER SALES
HANGS CRUCIALLY ON AFFIRMATIVE DECISION.

2. THERE ARE TWO JAPANESE PRE-FAB HOME MANUFACTURERS CURRENTLY
USING THE 2X4 SYSTEM AND ONCURRENTLY APPLYING PRESSURE ON GOJ
TO OPEN THE SYSTEM. ONE OF THE FIRMS IS OSAKA-BASED, EIDAI CO.
EIDAI MAINTAINS TRAINING CENTERS FOR CARPENTERS AND HAS BEEN
INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING A GROUP OF 20 CARPENTERS FROM HIROSHIMA
FOR A STUDY MISSION TO THE U.S. EIDAI WAS ALSO VERY HELPFUL
DURING THE MARCH AMERICAN PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION IOGA TRADE MISSION.

3. APOLOGIZING FOR THE SHORT NOTICE, EIDA HAS ASKED IF WE CAN
ASSIST WITH THE PROGRAM FOR MAY 6 IN SAN FRANCISCO OR MAY 7 IN
LOS ANGELES. EIDAI WOULD LIKE THE GROUPS TO VISIT HOME CONSTRUCTION
SITES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES AREA.

4. THE GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO ON THE MORNING OF MAY
6 AND WILL LEAVE LA ON MAY 8. INTERPRETER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE
HANDLED BY TRAVEL AGENT, TOKYO TRAVEL SERVICE (PHONE: 231-622-
8168 IN LA)

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5. REQUEST COMMERCE ASSISTANCE TO SET UP PROGRAM. REPLY REQUIRED

NTL COB APRIL 26. PLEASE PROVIDE NAME OF CONTACT WITH WHOM TRAVEL
AGENT COULD COORDINATE SCHEDULE.
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